Dewan's reply.—No separate establishment is contemplated.

Subject No. 297.
Deputy Commissioners' powers of sanctioning works.

Summary of discussion.—The Deputy Commissioners should be empowered to sanction works to the amount of Rs. 1,000 instead of Rs. 500 as at present.

Dewan's reply.—(After consulting Local Officers present). Not required at present. Inexpedient.

Subject No. 298.
Tolls at the Gold Fields bazaars.

Summary of discussion.—As much trade is carried on at the weekly bazaars at Bowringpet and Urigaum, it is desirable to levy a duty on tobacco, betel-leaves, &c., brought thereto for sale; also that a toll-gate may be established, and a reasonable toll levied on the bullocks and things brought to the said bazaars for sale. This would yield a large revenue, which may be utilized for the construction of market buildings in the above mentioned places, where they are sadly wanted.

Dewan's reply.—Under consideration. The Deputy Commissioner has sent up proposals for opening toll-gates at frontier stations.

Subject No. 299.
Honge leaf leases should be for ten years.

Summary of discussion.—The present temporary system of leasing out Honge leaves to wet land cultivators for manure at Rs. 1-12-0 per one hundred trees should be continued for ten years, as the arrangement would prove advantageous both to Government and to the raiyats and save the trees from destruction. Raiyats cultivating wet lands in villages having no such trees, should be allowed leases out of the numerous trees situated in Bechirakh villages where no wet cultivation is carried on.

Dewan's reply.—Will consider. The Deputy Commissioner has submitted some proposals on the subject.

Subject No. 300.
Advances for water pumps.

Summary of discussion.—Water pumps should be supplied to raiyats by Government to facilitate cultivation, and the cost recovered by instalments.

Dewan's reply.—When a similar representation was made last year, it was replied that there was no objection to the proposal. It is doubtful if pumps will be popular and a water lift better in all respects than the kapile has yet to be invented. If however any one really needs such help, let him apply for it.

Subject No. 301.
Produce of trees on bunds of private tanks.

Summary of discussion.—The produce of Honge trees planted by the owners on the bunds of their private tanks is included in the Batayi sales since the Survey Settlement. The trees should be restored to the Hakdars. The tanks are still private property, the usual remission of one-fourth assessment being granted under it.

Dewan's reply.—The practice of the Kolar and Tumkur Districts in this matter will be enquired into.